GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:635
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2007
PENDING LAKE CONSERVATION PROJECTS
Singh Shri Chandrabhan Bhaiya

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals worth Rs.1.36 crores for Benisagar in Panna district and Puraina Pond in Damoh district under the National Pond and Lake conservation Project sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Union Government are pending;

(b) if so, the time by when these proposals are likely to be accorded approval;

(c) whether proposals of various schemes pertaining to other districts of Madhya Pradesh are also under consideration of Ministry of Environment and Forests; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) The Lake Conservation Authority of Madhya Pradesh had submitted the proposals on 'Conservation and Management Plan of Beni Sagar Lake' in Panna District and 'Conservation & Management Plan of Purena Talab' in District Damoh (MP) to this Ministry for consideration under the National Lake Conservation Plan, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for restoration of polluted and degraded lakes in urban & semi-urban areas. In order to consider the proposals under National Lake Conservation Plan, the Ministry had identified certain lakes through a study. The State Governments were asked to consider these lakes for prioritization. The Benisagar Lake was neither identified by this Ministry nor included in the priority of the State Government for consideration under the National Lake Conservation Plan. The proposal for Purena Talab was found deficient in respect of certain key technical issues. The Lake Conservation Authority of Madhya Pradesh has been informed in this regard.

The Government of Madhya Pradesh had initially prioritized 11 lakes in the state. Out of these, projects for 3 lakes namely, Rani Talab (Rewa), Sagar lake (Sagar) and Shivpuri lakes (Shivpuri) have since been sanctioned by this Ministry. The proposals for new lakes are considered subject to their admissibility as per guidelines of National Lake Conservation Plan, prioritization, pollution status and availability of funds under the Plan.